or after their disembarkation in the West Indies, almost every precaution that humanity could suggest was adopted to ensure their wellbeing and comfort during the "Middle passage". But since means have been taken to enforce the Act, the sum of human misery occasioned by that traffic during the thirty years that have elapsed since it was declared illegal, has been far greater than that caused by it during the three centuries wherein it was carried on under the sanction and protection of the law." The history of every captured slave vessel will bear the writer out in the above assertions. Such then being the said results consequent on the only means at present relied on to suppress this barbarous traffic. and it being also no less clear, that so long as the demand for slaves in the new world continues; the natives will sell slaves and vessels will run all hazards to transport them The only remedy which seems calculated to reach the source of the evil; is the establishment of settlements along the coast. To prove that this has been effected, in some measure by the British settlement, on the Gold coast, is the object of the article under consideration.

These settlements though merely commercial in their nature and object. Exercise an influence over 200 miles of coast. On the abolition of the slave trade the natives, proving that the British merchants resident at the fort, refused to purchase slaves any longer, and that obstructing

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